

REMARKS

The claims are currently amended to reduce the number of appealable issues. More specifically, claims 1, 16, 31, and 35 are amended to remove the basis of the 35 USC 112 rejections applied to all of the claims. In addition, the objection to improper dependency of claims 45-47 is corrected by amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments under 37 CFR 1.116 (MPEP 714.13), as placing the claims in better condition for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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